

MORONGO BASIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thursday, October 24, 2019 5:00PM  
**Morongo Basin Transit Center**  
**62405 Verbena Road**  
**Joshua Tree, CA 92252**

**ACTION MINUTES**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Robin Schlosser led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL** - On call of the roll the following Board Members were present:  
Merl Abel, Ellen Jackman, Mark Lundquist, Daniel L Mintz Sr, and McArthur Wright. Ben Sasnett arrived at 5:03pm. Jeff Drozd was absent.

**2.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

2.1 Employee of the Quarter

Matthew Atkins, Operations Manager, presented Paula Baldwin with an Employee of the Quarter plaque, thanking her for her hard work and leadership while the lead dispatcher was on vacation.

**3.0 CLOSED SESSION**

NONE

**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

**5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

5.1 Minutes of the September 26, 2019 Board Meeting

5.2 Treasurer's Report for August 2019

5.3 Warrant Register through September 31, 2019

5.4 Ridership Reports

5.5 Financial Reports

5.6 Administration Report

5.7 Operations Report

5.8 Authorization to Dispose of Vehicles at Auction

5.9 Can-A-Ride Day on November 21, 2019

Board Member Abel requested item 5.8 be deferred to item 6.0.

**ACTION:** Board Member Abel moved to approve the Consent Calendar (items 5.1 - 5.7 and 5.9); seconded by Board Member Mintz: passed by Roll Call Vote (6-0).

## **6.0 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSIONS AND/OR PARTICIPATION AND/OR ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**

5.8 Authorization to Dispose of Vehicles at Auction

Mark Goodale detailed the vehicles to be disposed of at auction and assured Board Member Abel that they exceeded their useful life and had received their replacements.

Joe Meer addressed Board Member Mints' concern by explaining the FTA rule that if the vehicle was auctioned for over \$5,000, they would require it to be applied to the next set of purchases; making it a cumbersome process.

Mark Goodale assured Board Member Lundquist that the wraps would be removed from the buses prior to auctioning.

**ACTION:** Board Member Abel moved to approve the Consent Calendar (items 5.8); seconded by Board Member Jackman: passed by Roll Call Vote (6-0).

## **7.0 OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

## **8.0 NEW BUSINESS**

8.1 Transportation Assistance Grant (TAG) Awards

Joe Meer, Director of Cooperative Purchasing and Grants, brought forward a recommendation of applications that deemed complimentary to MBTA's service and increase the budget for TAG awards to \$136,696.

Joe Ruddon with the MBHD Lift Transportation Program shared how the vehicle would help expand service.

Frank Luckino, City of Twentynine Palms City Manager, explained how the van could help their challenge with mobility.

Robin Schlosser, with Reach Out Morongo, discussed the transportation service they provide.

**ACTION:** Board Member Mintz moved to increase the budget to \$136,696 and approve the TAG awards as presented; seconded by Board Member Sasnett: passed by Roll Call Vote (6-0).



## 8.2 Zero Emission Shuttle Demonstration

Joe Meer gave a demonstration of the EV Star Min-E shuttle bus.

## 8.3 Revisions to FY20 Budget and Transit Operating, Capital Plan

Mark Goodale presented a revised budget to accurately reflect operator wage changes and reallocate STA funds to cover the higher cost of bus 35, 36, staff vehicles and CNG replacement parts and repair.

There were no public comments.

**ACTION:** Board Member Mintz moved to approve revisions to FY20 Budget and Transit Operating and Capital Plan and authorized MBTA to submit the Transit Claim; seconded by Board Member Jackman: passed by Roll Call Vote (6-0).

## 8.4 Copper Mountain College Fare Subsidy

Matthew Atkins, Operations Manager, gave a presentation on the Copper Mountain College free fare subsidy ridership with comparisons to prior semesters.

## 9.0 GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE

Mark Goodale reported that the Elk Trail bus stop was completed, they were only waiting on the final inspection reports and 2 buses new were being prepared for delivery. He also shared that SBCTA was requesting quarterly reports to share to their Board.

## 10.0 FUTURE BOARD INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

## 11.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Member Sasnett apologized for his tardiness and congratulated the Employee of the Quarter. He shared with Board Member Abel why Unity Home could not attend the meeting.

Board Member Jackman said the Elk Trail bus stop looked great and congratulated Paula on Employee of the Quarter.

Board Member Mintz thanked the Board on behalf of the City for the van and congratulated the Employee of the Quarter. Mark Goodale suggested they get in touch for wheelchair securement training.

Board Member Lundquist expressed his disappointment that Unity Home could not attend and congratulated the Employee of the Quarter.

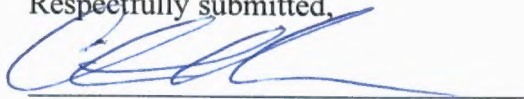
Board Member Abel felt the TAG awards were a wonderful thing they had the ability to do.

Chairman Wright thanked everyone for coming and congratulated Paula for Employee of the Quarter. He also liked to do the TAG awards.

## **12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:54pm Thursday, October 24, 2019 at the MBTA Operations Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheri Holsclaw, Asst. Board Secretary